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To

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Nix

who have encouraged my writing

and to

the members of Bethel Church, this

volume is affectionately

dedicated

PREFACE

In writing a history of the church, one can become very involved in the past and progress of such an outstanding place of worship. Our founding fathers through the many struggles of war and sickness kept up their courage and steadfastness for what they thought was right. They did well with their opportunities and in studying the records, we can improve and take a more interesting part in the church.

Two years ago I became interested in knowing the history of Bethel, but when I started asking questions, much of what I wanted to know was forgotten. To publish a book of this sort takes much time and dedication to prepare. One of the reasons why this is so difficult is that the records of the church were poorly written, lost, or destroyed.

In preparing these sketches, I have found many conflicting facts and I chose the one nearest to be correct. I have consulted the following books for information: the *Ministerial Directory* editions 1861-1941, 1861-1951, and 1861-1967, *A History of Orange Presbytery 1770-1970* by Robert Hamlin Stone, D. D., and *Founders and Builders of Greensboro 1808-1908* compiled by Bettie D. Caldwell. A special thanks is in order for Miss Lalah G. Apple who wrote the book, *Two Hundred Twenty-Five Years History of Friedens Luthern Church 1745-1970.* Without the help from this book, I am afraid that I couldn't have compiled these articles or gain the courage. I also used the works of Dr. W. W. Moore, minutes of the Bethel Cemetery, and minutes of Bethel's Women of the Church.

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I want to express special thanks and appreciation to all of the members of Bethel who have encouraged and guided me through this long task and to Mrs. Rebecca Powers for proof reading. There may be some omissions and errors, but if there are, it is not intentional.

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THE HISTORY OF BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pioneers coming to Guilford County in 1750 found dense hardwood forests broken by areas of grassland inhabited by Indians. The land yielded to the settlers who were searching for comfort and freedom.

In 1771, after government and order had united the people, Guilford was formed. It was named in honor of Lord North, the Earl of Guilford, who was a Tory and prime minster to King George III.

By 1812, Guilford was becoming more settled and the communities began to take form. Cedar Creek, the first Presbyterian church near Gibsonville, was organized. During the year 1815, the church was moved and its name was changed to Bethel. In looking over the origin of Bethel we cannot forget that the word Bethel came from the Hebrew language meaning, "house of God."

THE EARLIEST SETTLERS

In the region known as the Palatinate, hatred and troubles over church lands caused large numbers of people to flee to America. Their homes were laid in waste, the battles of the French invasion on the Rhine, The Thirty Years War, and more occurred. The new world offered a place of freedom and security. The immigrants poured into Pennsylvania and then turned to the South. This movement occurred from about 1688 up to 1775. The archives of that time show more than 30,000 males over sixteen who had come over.

The first Presbyterian church in America was a Reformed church established by the Dutch of New Amsterdam in 1628. The Puritans rather suppressed Presbyterianism in New England. The Virginians stood for Episcopacy. Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the colonies of the South were more partial to Presbyterianism. The rich history of these early days in this territory must include the story of five denominations: Lutheran, Reformed, Moravian, Quaker, and Scotch-Irish Presbyterian. These denominations have left a rich heritage for all succeeding time.

Dr. W. W. Moore states that Presbyterians were taking up homes along the Haw and Eno rivers in 1738. Reverend Henry Patillo became pastor of Hawfields in 1765; Buffalo Church was organized in 1756; Alamance in 1762; and in 1764 Reverend David Caldwell arrived. The Presbyterian synods of New York and Philadelphia sent missionaries into this section in 1745 and 1758. The Nottingham Company of Pennsylvania bought a large tract for settlement along the waters of Buffalo and Reedy Fork.

Although these events occurred many decades before Bethel was organized in 1812, it was these occurrences that helped form the beginning of our church that has survived through many hardships.

BUILDING CHURCHES IN WARTIME

During the War of 1812, a small but active group of religious seekers formed a new house of worship. "Cedar Creek" was thus established. Cedar Creek erected its first building on the site of what is known today as Gibsonville Cemetery on land donated by James and Moses Gibson. The membership was small with three ruling elders: John Smith, James Gibson, and Elisha Wharton. Samuel Paisley was the first pastor and served the church until 1816. The building was crude with no means of heating and the people came for miles on horseback through the coldest winter weather and sat shivering through the long sermon and considered it a privilege. This first church constructed was the third Presbyterian church built in Guilford County.

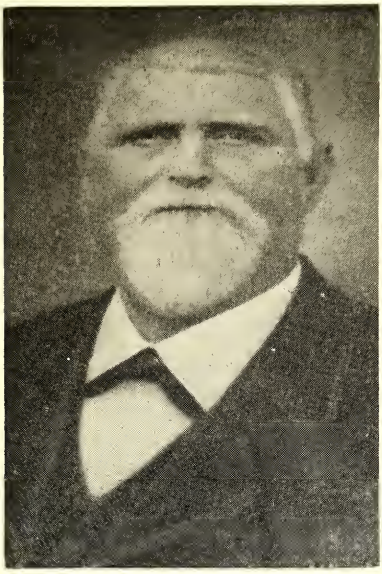
When Cedar Creek thought it would be wise to move the church from Gibsonville, Dr. David Caldwell, the pastor of Alamance and Buffalo Churches, opposed this move because he thought this would weaken these churches. Although he was very old, he rode horseback to persuade the people to abandon this plan. Out of consideration for him, they decided to stay temporarily.

It is not known, for sure, how long services were held at Gibsonville. The time period could have consisted of about three years. It is known; however, that land was donated by Purnel Chance about 1815 near the community of McLeansville.

Purnel Chance specified in his deed that the land be used for the erection of a "meeting house." There was no denomination definitely mentioned, so the first organization that took advantage of this offer could receive the land. The church accepted the land, moved, and changed the name from Cedar Creek to Bethel. This log "meeting house" was built in front of the site of the present church.

Later, a modest frame building was erected on the east side of the church, close to where the old session house now stands. The first session house for Bethel was built about the same time the third church edifice was built. Then disaster struck, fire

swept through the session house destroying it and many valuable records from 1822-1832 thus causing more hardships for Bethel's congregation.



After the Civil War was over, the membership increased and it was decided to build a more suitable place for worship. The plans to build the new church were started in the year of 1866. The following two years were the busiest with the gathering of materials and labor from the members who could spare time. In 1868 John Doggett was elected Chairman of the Building Committee. The following is a list of subscribers to the fund for the new building which was taken from an actual document:

"We the undersigned agree to pay J. A. McLean, John Doggett, Wm. P. Wharton, R. C. Wilson, H. C. Dick, the sums annexed to our names, for the purpose of building a new house of worship at Bethel, to be paid in currency, labor, hauling, or lumber at the following prices, viz. lumber $1.50 per hundred feet, board measure, days hauling with four horse wagon $4.00 per day, with three horse wagon $3.00 per day, with two horse wagon $2.00 per day. Days work $1.00 per day. Shingles $5.00 per thousand. Lumber to be furnished at the church by the last of April, 1867."

Dec. 1st, 1866

Names		Names	
John Doggett	$75.00	John McLean	$ 5.00
Wm. P. Wharton	50.00	G. W. Wharton	75.00
R. C. Rankin	40.00	J. F. Hughes	20.00
Robert Wilson	25.00	A. P. Rankin	15.00
J. A. McLean	15.00	A. C. & J. Denny	15.00
Stanford Woodford	15.00	Thomas Rankin	30.00
H. B. Stratford	20.00	J. C. Rankin	25.00
W. R. Forbis	12.00	T. A. Rankin	12.00
J. W. Forbis	15.00	T. A. Gray	20.00
Persis Rankin	10.00	Barbara Wilson	15.00
Willis Sikes	15 00	Wm. Wilson	12.00
Derinda Summers	3.00	Jane S. Gilmer	25.00
Polly Woodford	3.00	R. A. Stratford	2.00

Henry Gilmer	1.00
R. C. Dick	2.00
Rufus Smith	2.00
W. O. Stratford	2.00
John Rankin	2.00
M. S. Whittington	2.00
W. N. Sikes	2.00
J. M. Montgomery	2.00
Wm. A. Paisley	10.00
A. B. Tate	2.00
J. M. Smith	5.00
W. R. Story	2.00
Jas. M. McLean	8.00
E. Denny	5.76
R. H. Rankin (paid)	10.00
J. W. Forbis	15.00
Thomas H. Whittington	4.00
Phebe Huffines	1.00
Wm. Gray	8.37
J. R. Gilmer	15.00
Allen Gilmer (of color)	2.25
Peggy Gray	4.00
B. Stratford	2.00
Henry Cobb (of color)	2.25
Green Wharton (of color)	2.25
Jopie Montgomery 5 days work	5.00
J. P. Montgomery	2.00
James Rankin (paid)	5.00
Fannie Watson	50.00
F. D. Whittington	2.00

During the early colonial period, many churches did not have a full time pastor. Ministers traveled from church to church. Each church had a minister only once a month if he had to officiate in three or four churches and the elders of the church would conduct the other services. Several churches became grouped together by having only one minster. Bethel was grouped with Greensboro First Presbyterian Church from 1824-1845, then grouped with Buffalo from 1847-1905, then grouped with Alamance and Springwood from 1905-1907, grouped with Alamance from 1907-1912, and then with Springwood from 1913-1951.

ARTICLES FROM EARLY RECORDS

One can not help but be impressed with the allegiance and enthusiasm of those early guardians of faith. I have chosen only a few instances that occurred, but you will realize why this impresses me so much.

No records can be found from 1812, when the church was organized, until March 24, 1821 at which time the following record was made: "The session met on the 24th day of March 1821 to confer with the Rev. John Picard, a member of a committee appointed by Orange Presbytery, to visit vacant churches under their care." It was decided to elect a clerk to keep the minutes of the meetings of the session. Joseph Gibson was not a member of the session nor, at this time, even a member of the church. He was probably chosen because of his penmanship, for the records are very well written. The following year he and his wife, Mary A., were received into the church on profession of faith in Christ.

At this same meeting of the session, a long covenant with a number of binding articles was adopted and every new member was required to sign the covenant. Afterward it was decided that the name of every candidate for membership should be announced to the congregation sometime before the session should receive the candidate. This was done to give the present membership an opportunity to raise objections, if they had any.

In numerous instances, we find that a backsliding member has been cited to appear before the session to answer to the sins of intemperance and immorality and even untruthfulness and slander were among the charges preferred. Usually it meant for the offending member suspension from the communion of the church until there was sufficient evidence of repentence. Even the elect elders were not exempt from discipline. An entry in 1865 states: " . . . rumors having reached the session that a certain elder had several occasions become intoxicated was notified to come before the session for trial and on confession of his guilt was severly admonished and suspended from the privileges of the church until he should manifest satisfactory evidence of repentance."

The church seemed to prosper from the very beginning for at every meeting of the session a number of people, many of them adults, were received into the church. It is interesting to note the large number of Negro slaves who were admitted to membership at this time and they also were severely reprimanded or suspended for failure to keep their vows.

Further quotations from these records may be of interest and serve to show the attitudes and progress of the church. It is stated: "Church attendance is very good and on the increase.

As to weekly offerings we would like to report that collections are lifted everyday the church is open for public worship. Observance of the Sabbath, while not so good as it once was among Presbyterians, is above the average for the present day. While the official fidelity of our minister, elders, and deacons are not up to the scriptural standards, yet it is about as usual. Family worship is generally observed, the attendance to this duty is in our opinion on the increase."

The following letter was adopted by the session: "Brethren, rumors have reached this session that some of the church members have been indulging in the worldly amusement of dancing, so fascinating yet so dangerous to the health and morals." Then follows warning against " . . . listening to the ill advised council and persuasion of wordly men, striplings and fanatics." It must have been heeded for a little later this entry appears: "Our congregation is remarkably free from intemperence in worldly amusements and all out breaking sins." It is evident that young people's problems were serious in those days.

Orange Presbytery on April 15, 1829 held a meeting in Danville, Virginia which said, "The Presbytery believing the character of church buildings to be closely connected with the edifications as well as the comfort of worshipping assemblies, resolved that a committee be appointed to be called. The Committee on Church Buildings whose duty it shall be to ascertain the number, location, material, size, cost, time of dedication, the number of sittings for whites and for blacks of the Presbyterian House of Worship within our bounds, and also an application with plans, estimates of expense of such buildings."

The committee took their appointment seriously. At a meeting in the Hawfields Church on October 10, 1829 the following report, though not as requested, was presented: — there were 34 organized churches with a membership of 1,500 members; 33 houses of public worship are owned; located as follows: In Orange County, 10 churches — Hawfields, Hillsboro, Cross Roads, Eno, Little River, Stoney Creek, Bethlehem, New Hope, Green Spring, and Mount Hermon; in Caswell County, 6 churches — Red House, Bethany, Gilead, Greears, Milton, and Bethesda; in Granville County, 5 churches — Grassy Creek, Shilo, Nutbush, Oxford, and Spring Grove; in Guilford County, 3 churches — Buffalo, Alamance, and Bethel; in Halifax County, Virginia, 2 churches — Harmony and Carmel; in Rockingham County, 2 churches — Haw River and Speedwell; in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1 church — Danville; in Craven County, 1 church — Newbern; in Beauford County, 1 church — Washington; in Wake County, 1 church — Raleigh; in Warren County, 1 church — Warrenton.

The materials of which they were constructed: 5 churches of brick, 5 of logs, and 23 of frame construction.

This report shows Bethel as being the third Presbyterian church built in Guilford County.

In the issue of April 15, 1868, the *Presbyterian* carried a report of the former meetings of the Presbytery. "The Presbytery has heard with pleasure of the ministers, Ruling Elders and Deacons in Guilford County, N. C., to carry out action of Presbytery as to labor in the missionary pastorate, and of their having organized a plan for the distribution of the books of our Committee of Publication . . . and recommend similar action in other pastorates.

"Next meeting Buffalo Church, Friday before first Sabbath of October, 1868." In 1872 the convention was held in Bethel Church.

In 1898 the Assembly was asking for contributions to reopen the mission work in Cuba. On May 25th a native of McLeansville, Mr. Robert Leslie Wharton, a member of Bethel Church, was licensed and ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery. He was under an appointment for work in Brazil, but God changed the plans of the Executive Committee and of Mr. Wharton, who became a pioneer in the new work in Cuba. He planned to leave in the following November and was commended to the prayers of the people. He was superintendent of the combined educational work of the Presbyterian Church, North and South, in Cuba. He remained a member of the Presbytery until December 12, 1913, when at his request he was dismissed to a Presbytery to be organized on the island. On a furlough he visited his native Presbytery meeting in Buffalo Church on September 12, 1905, and was elected moderator. He was claimed by Buffalo as a grandson. For his outstanding work, Davidson College awarded him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Mr. Wharton was a member of Bethel until he became an evangelist.

In many of the Gibson's letters, there are several mentions of Bethel. These letters are kept in the City Hall in Gibsonville. In a letter written on November 20, 1844 by Joseph Gibson to his nephew and neice the following comment was made: "All your friends here are well. Sometime back Brother William Paisley and wife Fanny were at Cross Road meeting and his horse ran away, broke the buggy, and Fanny came near being killed. She has recovered in a measure but will never be well again." Rev. William Paisley, mentioned above, was the second minister which served Bethel from 1818-1844.

In this peoriod of time, the sermons lasted two or three hours. In a letter written on October 6, 1845, Mary Ann Gibson expressed her feelings of the services to her sister: "I send these to you to let you know we attended a meeting at Reuben Hill last Sunday and had Brother William, Mr. Currie, Mr. Pickard, and Mr. Linch with us and it was a solemn time. It reminded me of old times when you and myself used to attend our solemn meeting at Bethel."

BUILDING PROGRESS

In reviewing the progress of the church, we find Bethel being formed by Scott-Irish Presbyterians in 1812 which led to the beginning of several churches being built.

The first church building, built in 1812, was a crude structure with no means of heating. This was built on land donated by James and Moses Gibson. The second church was moved from Gibsonville to McLeansville in 1815 where they built a log "meeting house." It was located just in front of the site of the building that we now occupy on land donated by Purnel Chance. Sometime later the third church, a modest frame building, was erected on the east side of the present building close to where the old session house now stands.

The fourth building is the present one constructed between 1867 and 1868. It has been noted that one member remembered hearing her mother tell of the women giving pageants, plays, making and selling fancy work, and food to help raise money to build the church during this time.

Second Session

House Built in

Circa 1898

The first session house for Bethel was built about the same time the second church edifice was built. Fire swept through the session house destroying it and many valuable records that covered about 10 years. The session house now standing was built during the late 1800's. The first recorded record of the session meeting in this building was on April 24, 1898. The session house which now stands on the east side of the church is much in the same condition as it was when it was first built.

The first manse was located at Bessemer and was built in 1890 under the leadership of Rev. R. W. Culbertson, the pastor. It was jointly owned by the churches of the group, Buffalo two-fifths, Bethel two-fifths, and Midway one-fifth. The members of the building committee from Buffalo were William D. Wharton, Edward M. Hendrix, Daniel E. Albright, David N. Kirkpatrick, and John W. Wharton. Bethel Church was taken out of the group in 1905 and this manse was later sold.

In 1905 the church was renovated and greatly improved under the direction of Rev. Rankin and Mr. Cyrus Wharton. This included the addition of the vestibule inside the entrance of the church and the chancel.

In 1923 one of the greatest improvements was accomplished at Bethel. Under the direction of Lafayette Brown, the front porch was built. This added the beauty and it blended in with the style of the buildings of the period in which the church was constructed.

In 1938 while Rev. L. E. Edgerton was pastor, it was decided to make certain improvements to the sanctuary. The walls were painted on both exterior and interior and the interior was redecorated.

Bethel, needing room for Sunday school classrooms, got the Young People started. In 1948 the Young People constructed a recreation building on land west of the church as one of their projects. It consisted of a kitchen, two closets and a large assembly room, adequate in size for any local gathering. Rev. John W. Foster was pastor at that time.

The matter of Bethel becoming self-supporting had been discussed for sometime. Finally in 1951 the congregation voted to employ a full time pastor. Because of Springwood and Bethel being grouped together, the problem of what to do with the jointly owned manse arose. A committee was appointed to decide whether to build a new manse or to convert the recreation building into a manse. The recreation building was used also as a place to hold Sunday school classes. It was decided that the church would employ Dr. McFadyen on a year by year basis and let the manse issue rest until a new Sunday school building was completed.

During December of 1951, Banks Garrison of Friedens Lutheran Church was employed to draw up plans for the building. The completed plans called for a kitchen, a furnace room, and an assembly room in the basement. On the ground floor, Sunday school rooms, a lady's parlor, and two rest rooms. All of this is connected to the church by a colonade with architectural design and material to correspond to the present building. On March 30, 1952 services were held on the spot selected for this building and the first spade of earth was turned by the pastor, Rev. H. R. McFadyen.

Early in May, Ben Cobb, contractor, began the actual work on the building. In digging the basement, a large deposit of rock was uncovered which retarded the work, but gradually the new structure began to take form. By the end of November, the basement was ready and the upstairs almost completed. The furnishings cost $680.48 not including the parlor which was furnished by R. M. Huffines and his daughter, Mrs. Raleigh Griffin, formerly Miss Mary Huffines of Selma in memory of the late Callie Wharton Huffines. The building itself cost $20,451.71 and the walks $284.65. In addition to this, the church was painted, partitions torn out of Sunday school rooms in the rear of church, thus providing two large rooms rather than four small. All of this was painted and modernized.

In 1952 plans for a new manse had been made. The location of the new manse was to be built where the recreation building stood. The recreation building sold for $1500.00 to Mrs. Opal

Rees and the sight was cleared. The men of the church cut logs and Mr. Howard Holt, assisted by others, sawed the timber free. The six room, brick manse has been built across the highway from the church at a cost of $11,934.38. This cost included an automatic washer, stove, water heater, and refrigerator.

A congregational meeting was held August 8, 1953 to call Rev. David Moss. Rev. Moss came into the Presbyterian Church from the United Brethern in Philadelphia. After one hundred forty-one years of service in the community the church for the first time had a full time pastor living in a new manse across the road from the sanctuary, and on Sunday, October 4, he preached his first sermon.

In 1956 the sanctuary was redecorated at a cost of $2,500.00 and in 1958 John William Nix, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Nix, started the church library with the initial donation of $100.04 worth of books from the Presbyterian Book Store. The money was raised by one of John's 4-H Club projects. Many other books have been added by interested persons. In 1971 the library was reorganized and Jerry Nix was chosen as librarian when Mrs. Lois Miles passed away. The library is located in the lady's parlor.

A new playground for the children was made across the road on the west side of the church in 1960. Also in the same year, the old session house was moved a few hundred feet down the road in order to beautify the yard.

The educational building was renovated on the outside in 1968. Since the paint would peel off and not stay on, aluminum siding was placed on the outside. New screens and storm windows were installed. The cost of the repairs amounted to $2,400.00

In 1971 the need for certain improvements were approved. The shutters on the windows outside of the sanctuary were badly in need of repairs. These were taken down and new aluminum ones replaced the old. Blinds were placed inside of the sanctuary so the sun would not fade the furniture. Central air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary, educational building, and the manse. At the same time, new lights replaced the others in the sanctuary, vestibule, and front porch. A new dossal curtain and cross were hung in the chancel in 1972.

Church Congregation in Early 1900's

MEMBERSHIP ROLE IN 1910

In 1910 a phamplet, "Roster of Alamance and Bethel Churches," was published. This phamplet contained the officers of Bethel, teachers, regular services, societies, etc. The following is the membership roll in 1910 as being listed as "Bethel Roll of Resident and Corresponding Members:"

Browning, J. C.
Browning, John P.
Brown, Mary Shepherd
Brown, Peter L.
Brown, Ophelia W.
Brown, Eva
Brown, David W.
Brown, Espie Huffman
Boon, E. L.
Boon, Zula A.
Boon, Edwin E.
Boon, George V.
Boon, Meta W.
Burch, Julia M.
Burch, Emily C.

Cobb, Mary Boon
Cobb, Robert V.
Cobb, Peter R.
Cobb, Emily Brown
Cobb, Eula Browning

David, Eliza A. Wilson
Denny, A. C.
Denny, Cornelia F.
Denny, Samuel A.
Denny, Ethel May
Denny, Nellie Huffines
Dick, Lizzie Phipps
Dick, J. M.
Dick, Blanche R.
Dick, Willie S.
Dick, Robert V.
Dick, John F.
Dick, Isabella Boon
Dick, Charity J.
Dick, Margaret
Dick, Ollie Ward
Dick, John
Dick, Susan Hanner
Dick, Beula M.
Dick, May L.
Dick, Bessie
Dick, Annie
Dick, Lawson
Dick, Hattie
Dick, Nola
Dick, R. C.
Dick, Dora
Dick, Dr. J. Vance
Ducan, M. R.
Ducan, Martha Story

Forbis, J. W.
Forbis, E. J. Tate
Frobis, John A.
Forbis, Carry Belle (Charlotte)
Forbis, Claudius F.
Forbis, Jessie E. (Silver City)

Gray, Lizzie
Greason, Bessie Reese
Greason, Hudson

Huffines, Montford
Huffines, Annie W.
Huffman, Nellie B.
Huffman, Robert Lee
Huffman, Fannie B.
Holt, Maggie
Holt, Erie
Holt, Annie

Isley, Thomas F.
Ingle, Isa Bella S.
Ingle, Bessie E.
Ingle, Ella Nora
Ingle, Henry

Johnson, Martha S.

Lindsey, Walter L.
Lindsey, Carrie Wharton
Lindsey, Lessie N.
May, Isabella S.
May, Nellie Brown
May, L. Holt
McLean, Walter
McLean, Eugenia Cobb
McLean, William D.
McLean, Earnest C.
McLean, Joseph Byrd
McLean, Kate E.
McLean, Cora L.
McLean, John C.
McLean, Mamie Forbis
McLean, Ethel
McLean, Robert
McLean, Joe A.
McLean, James
Michael, Ladoskie R.
Montgomery, D. A.
Montgomery, Louisa
Montgomery, Walter A.
Montgomery, Nannie R.
Montgomery, Pearl
Montgomery, John A.

O'Brian, Eliza
O'Brian, Martha

Paisley, Bessie C.
Paisley, William H.
Paisley, John C.
Paisley, Porter

Rankin, Robert C.
Rankin, Milard J.
Rankin, Mallie
Rankin, Carl E.
Rankin, J. H.
Rankin, Nannie Smith
Rankin, Fannie
Reese, Henry
Reese, Mary I. Story
Reese, Luther
Reese, Cora
Reese, Clest
Reese, Ottis
Reese, Clifford
Reese, Florence E.
Reese, Joseph
Reese, Lillie
Reese, Annie
Reese, Claradora May
Reese, Webster
Reese, Joseph W.
Reese, Minnie
Reese, William F.
Reese, James W.
Reese, Rosa B.

Shaw, Hattie Forbis
Shepherd, Lizzie B.
Shepherd, Mary Katie
Shepherd, Andrew
Shepherd, Joseph
Shepherd, Jacob
Shepherd, Mary S.
Shepherd, Samuel
Shepherd, Carrie G.
Shepherd, John A.
Shepherd, James H.
Shepherd, Peter
Sherwood, Fanny R.
Smith, Jenette
Smith, Rosa Lee
Smith, Ava
Summers, George
Summers, Ida Boon
Summers, Lacy
Summers, Eugenia B.
Summers, Don L.
Summers, Lorena Boon

Tate, John A.

Whitt, Andrew
Whitt, Margaret R.
Whitt, Fred O.
Whitt, William
Whitt, Francise
Whitt, James A.
Whittington, J. D.
Whittington, Lelia M.
Whittington, Notra M.
Whittington, Kenneth S.
Whittington, Grace R.
Whittington, Earnest
Whittington, Mabel
Wharton, William P.
Wharton, Walter L.
Wharton, Susan J.
Wharton, Edna B.
Wharton, Annie
Wharton, C. A.
Wharton, Anna D.
Wharton, Richard G.
Wharton, Albert E.
Williams, Daisy R.
Wilson, Eli D.
Wilson, Tiny Clapp
Wilson, Stella L.
Wilson, Georgia E.
Wilson, Lois
Wilson, Emma A.

ADDITIONS OF LAND

Land added to Bethel Church since James and Moses Gibson gave land to Bethel near Gibsonville in 1812. This land is now in the hands of the Gibsonville Cemetery.

February 15, 1812 — Purnel Chance gave in consideration ten shillings to the trustees Nathaniel Kerr, John Montgomery, William Mears, Purnel Chance, and Andrew Law 2.25 acres of land for a meeting house.

1815 — Bethel moved to this location.

February 6, 1819 — Nathaniel Kerr gave in consideration of $1.00 to Bethel Church .75 of an acre of land. John Smith and Joseph Close-Trustees of Bethel Church.

May 17, 1826 — James Gray gave in consideration of $2.00 to Bethel Church .75 of an acre of land. Elisha Wharton, Moses Gibson, and Joseph Gibson-Trustees of Bethel Church.

May 6, 1836 — James Miner gave in consideration of $10.00 2 acres of land. Elisha Wharton and other elders-Trustees of Bethel Church.

February 15, 1882 — William G. and Ella F. Cobb in consideration of $6.56 and 2/3 cent to Bethel .016 of an acre of land. Thomas Rankin, G. W. Wharton, R. Wilson, J. A. Reese, R. C. Rankin, and C. Denny-Trustees of Bethel Church.

February 15, 1882 — Susan Wagner, John W. Montgomery and his wife, C. A. Montgomery gave in consideration of $2.50 to Bethel .016 of an acre of land. Thomas Rankin, G. W. Wharton, R. Wilson, J. A. Reese, R. C. Rankin, and C. Denny-Trustees of Bethel Church.

October 28, 1938 — B. S. and Pearl Watkins gave in consideration of $10.00 to Bethel .45 of an acre of land. J. D. Clapp, W. H. Paisley, and Paul Boone—Trustees of Bethel Church.

October 28, 1938 — D. C. and Edna Reese gave in consideration of $10.00 to Bethel .18 of an acre of land and another parcel of land. J. D. Clapp, W. H. Paisley, and Paul Boone—Trustees of Bethel Church.

October 28, 1938 — W. H. and Bessie T. Milloway gave in consideration of $10.00 to Bethel .54 of an acre of land. J. D. Clapp, W. H. Paisley, and Paul Boone—Trustees of Bethel Church.

December 3, 1951 — W. H. and Bessie T. Milloway gave in consideration of $10.00 to Bethel 23.55 acres. Paul G. Boone, H. M. Pearson, and R. M. Huffines-Trustees of Bethel Church.

ORGANIZATIONS OF BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School

The enrollment is 144. There are 11 classes with a teacher for each class.

Women of the Church

The Women of the Church was formerly the Ladies' Auxiliary until it was changed in 1949. There are four groups in this organization with a total membership of 88. These groups are: the Sudie Wharton Circle; Home Circle, for the shut-ins; Callie Huffines Circle, and the Hattie Huffines Circle. Each group meets once a month and quarterly meetings are held for the entire membership.

Bethel Presbyterian Church Youth Fellowship

This is a very active organization for the youth with a membership of 35. They perform many activities that are very useful for the church and community.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held for one week during the summer. This is for children 4-11 years of age.

Young Adults Fellowship

This organization is for the young couples in our church. They meet every third Saturday for their social.

Senior and Junior Choirs

These groups provide special music for the church. They also sing at special services.

MEMORIAL AND HISTORICAL CELEBRATIONS

Memorial or Homecoming services are held on the second Sunday in June.

The Centennial was celebrated in 1912 and on June 10, 1962 the Sesquicentennial was held. The Rev. J. Alan McLean conducted the services.

Memorial services, at one time, lasted all day until in the middle 1950's when it was reduced to a regular Sunday service and lunch afterwards.

Other speakers for Memorial Days and anniversaries have included: Rev. J. K. Roberts in 1938; Rev. J. C. Story in 1939; Rev. Kenneth Goodson in 1940; Rev. Samuel S. Wiley in 1941; Dr. Vance Haver in 1943; evangelist, author, and Bible Conference Leader; Dr. Walter Lingle in 1944; Dr. E. E. Gillespie

in 1945; Rev. T. Henry Patterson D. D. in 1947; Dr. R. L. Wharton in 1949; Rev. L. T. Edgerton in 1951; Dr. Charles Ramsay in 1953; Rev. David C. Moss in 1954; Rev. J. A. Phipps in 1957; Rev. G. L. Whiteley in 1956; Rev. J. M. Millard in 1958; Rev. Earl Woodall in 1959; Rev. J. W. Foster in 1960; Rev. C. N. Morrison in 1965; Rev. H. Earl Woodall in 1966; Rev. L. T. Edgerton in 1968; Rev. David Kirk in 1969; Rev. Roscoe Brown Fisher in 1970; and Dr. Banks J. Peeler, former President of the Southern Synod of the United Church of Christ, in 1971.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS
FOR CHURCH SANCTUARY

Hammond Organ — Given by Dr. Katherine Rankin and Miss Frances Rankin in memory of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Rankin on November 11, 1953

Piano — By Mr. J. R. Painter in memory of his wife, Mrs. Edna Clayton Painter in 1955

Pulpit Bible — By the Young People, directed by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Summers in 1955

Stoles for Pulpit and Lectern Bibles — By the Young People, directed by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Summers in 1955

Showcase Desk — Especially designed and made for Bethel. Given by the Women of the Church in 1961

Chairs — By Mr. J. R. Painter in memory of his wife, Mrs. Beulah Dick Painter on August 12, 1956

Pulpit — By Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wharton in memory of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsey and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Wharton on August 12, 1956

Communion Table and Chairs — Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Dick in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dick on August 12, 1956

Vase — By Blanche Rankin Dick and William Calvin Rankin in memory of their parents John Henry Rankin and Nancy Jane Smith Rankin.

New Communion Set — By Mrs. Lucy Dick Beatty in memory of her mother, Mrs. Olive Dick in 1966.

Old Communion Set — By Mr. and Mrs. John W. Paisley on May 30, 1920 in memory of their son Leutenant John Cannon Paisley killed in action in World War I

Baptism Bowl — By a member of the church

Baptismal Font — By Miss Sue Huffines, Mrs. Jane Huffines Shoffner, Mrs. Rebecca Huffines Lowe, and Mr. E. P. Huffines in memory of their father, James Vance Huffines and in honor of their mother, Mrs. Hattie Dick Huffines on November 14, 1971

Cross — By Mrs. Pearl White, Mrs. Beulah Spencer, Mrs. Alda Stretch, Mrs. Julia Mahoney, Mr. Cliff Montgomery and Mr. Carl Montgomery in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Montgomery.

Light Fixtures in Sanctuuary — By Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh H. Griffin in memory of her father, Mr. Robert Montford Huffines on November 14, 1971

Light Fixture in Vestibule — By Mrs. Ernest C. Smith in memory of her husband, Mr. Ernest C. Smith on November 14, 1971

Light Fixture on Porch — By Mr. and Mrs. Exum M. Causey in memory of her parents, John D. and Lelia M. Whittington and her brother, Ernest M. Whittington on November 14, 1971

Memorial Book — By Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Alcon on November 14, 1971

Cross in Chancel — By Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ashworth on March 5, 1972 in memory of their fathers, Mr. Fred B. Ashworth and Mr. Alexander McLachlan and in honor of their mothers, Mrs. Garnet G. Ashworth and Mrs. Helen N. McLachlan.

Dossal Curtain — By Mr. and Mrs. David W. Lowe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Otis W. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar K. Lowe, and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson L. Lowe, in memory of their father, Mr. David W. Lowe, Sr., and in honor of their mother, Mrs. Bertha Tate Lowe on March 5, 1972

Robes for Choir — By the Women of the Church in 1960

Robes for Junior and Senior Choirs — By the Women of the Church in 1971

Tape Recorder — By the Women of the Church in 1957 for the purpose of taping services to take to shut-ins

Public Address System — By John R. Painter

THE OLDEST LIVING MEMBERS OF BETHEL

Mrs. Ada Montgomery is the oldest living member of Bethel Presbyterian Church.

She was born on June 25, 1876 to William Thomas and Katherine Andrews Parrish.

Her father William Parrish went to the Civil War at the age of 17 years. He guarded prisoners at Salisbury in the Salisbury Prison. During this time relatives sent food to him, but because of the starving soldiers, he gave pratically all of this food away.

At the age of 29, Mrs. Montgomery's mother, Katherine, died and she went to live with her relatives. Within a year her father remarried and the family returned home. There was a total of seven children born to Mrs. Montgomery's parents.

Mrs. Montgomery met Riley E. Montgomery and soon afterwards they were married.

She then joined Bethel, but later they moved to the eastern part of North Carolina and attended an Episcopal Church nearby. After sometime they moved back to Bethel Community.

At the age of 95, she is now staying in the Evergreens Nursing Home in Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Lake May ranks second to Mrs. Montgomery in age. Only a period of a few months separates the births of these two ladies.

She was born on November 25, 1876 to Thomas and Eliza Cobb Holt.

When Mrs. May was 4½ years of age, her mother died. Her father was left to care for her other two brothers and sister, besides herself.

Mrs. May's father remarried to Rachel Cobb and they had four children, two of these are G. Howard Holt, a ruling elder in Bethel, and Mrs. Maggie Wooters.

Mrs. May received her education at Brown School and attended Friendens Lutheran Church when she was at a very young age. She later joined Bethel.

She married Augustus D. May in Sept. of 1900 by the Rev. E. P. Parker of Friendens Church. They had nine children.

During the centennial of Gibsonville, Mrs. May was found to be the oldest living person in this town.

At the age of 95, she is now living with her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Evans, in Gibsonville.

Former members of Bethel who were the oldest members were Mr. John C. McLean in 1952, Mrs. Carrie Lindsay in 1955, and Mrs. Lacy Summers in 1968.

Mr. John Calvin McLean, born in 1861, was the seventh child of Joseph and Elizabeth Wharton. He attended Flint Hill School and was taught by his father. Between 1880 and 1885 he married Mamie Delaney Forbis and had seven children. A deacon in Bethel, he was a farmer and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He died in 1952 at the age of 91.

Mrs. Carrie Lindsay, born in 1862, was the third child of Jane Rankin and William P. Wharton. Mrs. Lindsay was a direct decendent of Elisha Wharton, one of the original elders of Bethel Church. In 1885 she married Walter L. Lindsay and had three children. Mrs. Lindsay was assistant secretary and treasurer of the former Ladies' Auxiliary in 1910. She died on May 31, 1955 at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Eugenia Summers was born on February 21, 1874. She was the ninth child born to Peter and Mary Ann Shepherd Brown. She married Lacy Summers on January 1, 1902 and had eight children. Mrs. Summers received her education at Brown School and died January 1, 1968 at the age of 93.

MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES REARED IN BETHEL

Rev. James Kerr

Rev. James Kerr joined the church in 1821 and was ordained to the ministry in 1826. He was the son of Nathaniel Kerr, an elder in Alamance Church. He spent a useful life in the ministry for the most part in Virginia. He was the grandfather of Rev. E. R. Leyburn who was the pastor of the First Church of Durham N. C. for a number of years.

Rev. Nathaniel Patterson

Rev. Nathaniel Patterson, son of William and Nancy Patterson, was ordained to the ministry in 1836. He died in 1837. Those who knew him say he gave promise of a most fruitful ministry. He was supplying Sandy Ridge Church at the time of his death and he is buried in the Gibsonville Cemetery.

Rev. William P. Wharton

Rev. William P. Wharton, son of Elisha and Martha Wharton, was received into membership of Bethel in 1843. He was ordained to the ministry in 1854 and was called to the pastorate of Milton Presbyterian Church, Milton, N. C. which at that time had a substantial membership. He was most useful and much loved, but lived only two years after his ordination. He is buried at Milton. In memory of him this church erected a beautiful tombstone.

Rev. John Calvin Denny

Rev. John Calvin Denny, son of the ruling elder, Elijah Denny, was licensed to preach in 1858. He supplied Speedwell Church, Rockingham County, N. C. until 1866 when he was dismissed to the German Reformed Church.

Rev. Samuel M. Rankin

Rev. Samuel M. Rankin, son of elder, Robert C. and Mary McLean Rankin, was ordained to the ministry in 1894. His first pastorate was Red Springs, Antioch, and Philadelphus Churches. While in this field he helped found Flora McDonald College at Red Springs, spending much time and effort in raising the money for the first college building. He was chairman of the building committee and secured the first faculty. He was a member of the Board of Directors for thirty years until his death in 1939. He supplied the church at Jackson, Kentucky for nine months and then was pastor of the Stanford, Kentucky Church for five years, returning to N. C. as pastor of Alamance Church in 1903 and served until 1907. He also served Springwood Church during this time and later Bethel, his own home church which he served two years. He became Superintendent of Home Missions in Orange Presbytery in 1907 and served in this capacity for seventeen years. While in this work he founded Glade Valley School in Alleghaney County. He was stated supply of East Burlington Church for almost four years until unable to preach because of ill health.

Rev. Robert Leslie Wharton, D. D. (Missionary)

Rev. Robert Leslie Wharton, D.D., son of William P. and Jane Rankin Wharton, was ordained to the ministry in 1898. He has spent his entire ministerial life as a missionary in Cuba. The greater part of the time, he has engaged in educational work and has been very successful in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Rev. James Cameron Story

Rev. James Cameron Story was the son of William Riley and Isabella Jane Summers Story. He was ordained to the ministry in 1902. He founded and was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marion, N. C. for twenty-five years.

Rev. Kenneth L. Whittington

Rev. Kenneth L. Whittington was ordained to the ministry in 1917. He was the son of J. D. and Lelia Montgomery Whittington. His first call was at Marshville, N. C. which he served for fifteen months. In May 1919 he became pastor of Forest City, N. C. and served there for two years. He was pastor of Alexander City Church in Alabama from 1921 till 1925 when he was called to the Bessemer Presbyterian Church in Greensboro until his death on May 18, 1945.

Rev. William T. Doggett

Rev. William T. Doggett was the son of John and Mary Ann Cobb Doggett. They attended Bethel until his parents moved to Brown Summit and changed their membership to Buffalo Church when he was in his teens. His Father was the chairman of the building committee to build the present church. He was educated at Earlham College and Princeton Theological Seminary; ordained by the Presbytery of South Dakota in 1885; supply at Blunt, S. D., 1885-1886; supply at Crystal Falls, Mich., 1886-1887; supply at Volga and White, S. D., 1887-1888; pastor of Shelton Memorial Church, Danville, Va., 1889-1907; pastor of Cascade, Va., from 1907 until his death in 1926.

Rev. Henry Lee Reese

Rev. Henry Lee Reese is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Reese, Sr. and was born on August 16, 1923 near McLeansville. Rev. Reese married Miss Mary Helen Wilkins on Dec. 25, 1940 and they had two children. He attended People's Bible College in Greensboro. During World War II, he corresponded with the soldiers and the demand of the many letters caused him to involve his whole family to help write. He pastored Graham Pentecostal Holiness Church, Lexington Pentecostal Holiness, Silver City Pentecostal Holiness, South Boston Pentecostal Holiness in Virginia, Holly's Pentecostal Holiness, Mt. Pleasant Pentecostal Holiness, and is now at Mt. Airy First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

BETHEL CHURCH CEMETERY

One of the most interesting and historic cemeteries in North Carolina is located at Bethel. Some of the graves date back as far as 1821 while many of the old slate and soap stone tombstones are now broken and weathered with age. Several generations are represented here, as many as five or six generations can be found. Many of the families buried here have passed entirely from local surroundings.

Soldiers rest here who fought in the Civil War, World War I, and World War 11.

In the mid 1840's an epidimic was spreading in the surrounding areas and many of Bethel's members died within 30 and 40 hours of each other. If you notice that many are buried in the same year this will be the reason.

Most of the members of Bethel are decendants of the original members such as: Close, Denny, Dick, Forbis, McLean, Paisley, Rankin, Ross, Smith, Shepherd, Story, Wharton, etc.

In 1971 the Youth Fellowship made a survey of the cemetery to compile the listing of names of all who are buried and to estimate the amount. This is to help all historians who are tracing dates in our cemetery and to improve our records.

The proper care of such a place requires much time and is a great task. This is why a special committee was formed. They see to it that every effort is made to see that it is kept in the best condition.

In February of 1938 a meeting of the congregation was held to formulate a committee for the perpetual upkeep of the cemetery. This committee was an organization formed under the name of Bethel Cemetery Endowment, Incorporated. The first Board of Directors elected consisted of: R. M. Huffines*-president, H. E. Health*-vice president, Elsie Paisley-secretary & treasurer, and Adele Browning (* means deceased). The present cemetery committee members are: Rifton Reese-chairman, Sue Huffines-treasurer, Howard Holt, Adele Browning, and Elsie Paisley.

All contributions are welcomed by anyone interested. The fund now totals $15,511.90 and is invested in two banks in Greensboro. In addition to this, the Endowment fund includes holding Shell Oil common stock and N. C. N. B. Corporation shares. Purpose of the fund: Should Bethel Church be moved or discontinued, there would be money for the upkeep of the cemetery.

BY-LAWS
OF
BETHEL CEMETERY ENDOWMENT, INC.

Article I
Officers

Section I. The officers of Bethel Cemetery Endowment, Inc. shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section II. Election of officers shall be held annually by the Corporation.

Article II
Duties of Officers

Section I. The Officers of Bethel Cemetery Endowment, Inc. meetings and to preside at same.

Section II. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President.

Section III. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep an accurate record of all meetings held, carry on necessary correspondence, compile annual report to Session and to receive all money and disburse same as ordered by the Corporation.

Article III
Quorum

Section I. Three members of the Corporation, if two be officers, shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV
Finances

Section I. Money willed or given to the Corporation for the maintance of the cemetery shall be invested in government bonds, postal savings or Savings and Loan stock.

Section II. The Corporation may refuse to accept gifts when given with objectional provisions.

Section III. Special gifts accepted shall be used as directed by donor.

Section IV. Funds shall be raised annually by the Bethel Cemetery Endowment, Inc. membership — each to be not less than one dollar.

Article V
Amendments

Section I. The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds vote of those present provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous regular meeting.

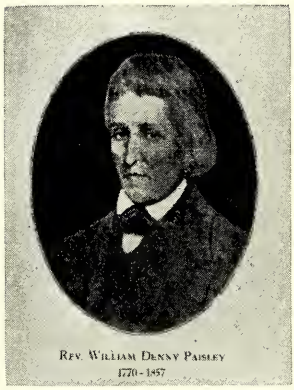
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED BETHEL

Since 1812 Bethel has had only 23 ministers. Two were supply pastors. They were Rev. H. R. McFadyen and Rev. C. N. Morrison. Rev. Morrison was also a pastor of Bethel at a different time.

Paisley, Samuel 1812-1816

Rev. Samuel Paisley was born in Princeton, New Jersey on April 6, 1773. He was the son of William and Deliverance Paine Paisley. Licensed on June 25, 1804 and ordained September 25, 1812. Pastor of Bethel, 1812-1816; Euphronia and groups, Fayetteville Presbytery, 1839-1851; stated supply of Bensalem, Fayetteville Presbytery in 1854-1859; stated supply of Mineral Springs 1852-1857. No further record can be found.

Paisley, William D. 1818-1841


Rev. William Denny Paisley
1770 - 1857

Rev. William D. Paisley was ordained in 1798. In 1809, he was superintendent of a grammar school in Orange County about ten miles west of Hillsboro. In 1818 Father Paisley resigned to take charge of the Greensboro Academy. He pastored Bethel and fathered the group in Greensboro that in 1824 became the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Paisley died in 1857.

Gretter, John A. 1841-1845

Rev. John Augustus Gretter, the son of Michael and Joanna Hewlett Gretter, was born in Richmond, Virginia on September 28, 1810.

Through his mother, he was descended from the distinguished Clopton family, George Clopton III of Virginia, being her maternal grandfather. The Cloptons were among the nobility, tracing back to 1212, and the owners of Stratford Manor since that date. Sir Hugh Clopton being Lord Mayor of London and benefactor of Stratford-on-Avon.

In 1824 when Lafayette visited America, young Gretter was captain of a boy's military company in Richmond which marched out to meet the distinguished visitor.

After going to school in Richmond he entered the University of Virginia in January, 1827, and graduated in July, 1829, at the age of 19. From February till July of 1831, he taught mathematics in Mr. Crawford's school in Huntsville, Alabama.

In August, 1831, he was married to Mary Wynn and in October they both united with the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton, but the northern climate proved unfavorable to his health, he returned to Virginia, and as a member of East Hanover Presbytery studied theology under his pastor, Rev. Taylor. He was licensed to preach in the fall of 1833, ordained in September, 1834, and soon after sent as a missionary to Genito, Powhatan County, Virginia, where he labored with great acceptance.

In the spring of 1836, he moved to Greensboro, N. C., and became a professor of mathematics in Caldwell Institute, a Presbyterial school opened in the fall of 1835 or the very beginning of 1836, and conducted under the control of Orange Presbytery.

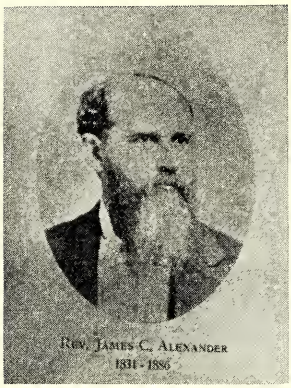
In 1841 he accepted a call from the congregations of Bethel and Gum Grove. In 1844 he resigned to become pastor of Greensboro Presbyterian Church and Bethel.

Rev. Gretter died on the night of the 21st of January, 1853, in the 43rd year of his age.

Caldwell, Cyrus K. 1848-1859

Rev. Cyrus K. Caldwell was born in 1821. He attended Davidson College in 1841 and Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond from 1843-1846. He was licensed September 29, 1846 and ordained on December 19, 1847 in Orange Presbytery. Pastor of Buffalo and Bethel 1848-1859, Pittsboro, N. C., 1860-1866, Eaton Church, Denmark, Tenn. from 1867-1876. He died March 29, 1876.

Alexander, James Calvin 1861-1886

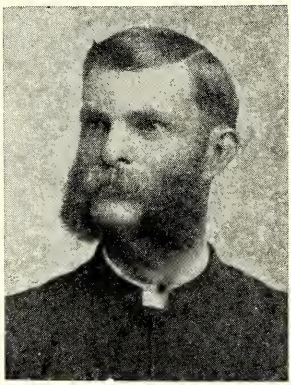


James Alexander was born in Lincolnton, N. C. on October 2, 1831. He attended Davidson College and became a teacher. He attended Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond from 1855-1856; graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary, S. C. Licensed on April 1859, Concord Presbytery. Stated supply of Ramah Church from 1859-1861. Ordained on July 21, 1861, Orange Presbytery. Pastor of Buffalo and Bethel from 1861-1886. Rev. Alexander died in Guilford County on November 15, 1886.

Culbertson, R. W. 1887-1892

Rev. Richard Watt Culbertson was born March 26, 1860 in Woodleaf, N. C. He attended Davidson College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1883; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond from 1885-1887. He was licensed on June 8, 1887, Orange Presbytery. Pastor of Buffalo and Bethel 1887-1892, Midway Church 1888-1892, Hawfields, Cross Roads, organized Beth 1892-1906, Stoney Creek, Griers 1906-1907, Center, Prospect, Concord Presbytery. 1908-1915, Sheares 1908-1913, Poplar Tent, Gilwood 1915-1920, Central Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Mecklinburg Presbytery 1920-1931. He died August 24, 1932.

Seabrook, J. McLeod 1892-1904



Josiah McLeod Seabrook was born April 12, 1852 on James Island, South Carolina. He was the son of William Benjamin and Elizabeth Mary (her maiden name isn't known). He married Rachel Thompson Thornley in Pickens, S. C. on October 6, 1880. He attended Davidson College 1873-1877 and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree; Columbia Theological Seminary, S. C., 1877-1880. Licensed in April, 1880, Charleston Presbytery and ordained October, 1881, Lexington Presbytery. Pastor of McDowell and Williamsville, Lexington Presbytery, 1881-1884; stated supply and pastor of

Seneca, Richland, and Walhalla, S. C. Presbytery, 1884-1888, James Island, S. C. 1888-1892, Buffalo, Midway, and Bethel, Orange Presbytery, 1892-1904, stated supply of Gordonsville, Wills Memorial, Southern Plains, and Barboursville, West Hanover Presbytery, 1905-1906. Rev. Seabrook died on April 2, 1906.

Rankin, Samuel M. 1905-1907

Samuel Meek Rankin was born in Guilford County, near Greensboro, N. C. on July 30, 1864, son of R. C. and Mary Ann McLean Rankin. Rev. Rankin married Mary Lee Wharton on January 18, 1894. He attended Oakdale Academy, Alamance County, N. C.; McLeansville Academy, Guilford County, N. C.; Davidson College, 1888-1890 and received the bachelor of Arts degree. He became a teacher. He attended Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1891-1894. He was licensed Jan. 31, 1894 and was ordained Feb. 22, 1894, Fayetteville Presbytery, Pastor of Red Springs, N. C. and groups, 1894-1906; Jackson, Kentucky, 1897; Stanford, 1898-1902; Alamance and group, Orange Presbytery, 1903-1907; Bethel, 1905-1907. Superintendent of home missions and evangelist, Orange Presbytery, resident of Greensboro, N. C., 1907-1924; ill health, Greensboro, 1924-1932. Stated supply of East Burlington, 1932-1935. He died April 12, 1939. Arthor of *The Rankin and Wharton Families and Their Genealogy* and *Buffalo Church and Her People.* Rev. Rankin started writing the history of Bethel when he died.

Shive, J. C. 1908

James Cowan Shive was born in Searcy, Arkansas on January 12, 1869. He married Mary Garland Wilson. Rev. Shive was a farmer. He attended Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, 1891-1894; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1894-1895, 1896-1897, post graduate work, 1907-1908; Columbia Theological Seminary, S. C. 1895-1896. He was licensed in September, 1897 and ordained in April, 1898, Montgomery Presbytery. Pastor of Jincastle, Va., 1897-1899; Piedmont, S. C., 1900-1902; domestic missionary, Westminster, 1902-1903; pastor of Upper Long Cane, Abbeville, 1903-1907; pastor elect to Alamance and Bethel, Orange Presbytery, 1908; and Wilson, N. C. 1910-1915. Financial agent, Davidson College, 1916; president, Albemarle, N. C., 1917; superintendent of Home Missionarys, West Hanover Presbytery, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1918-1921. Pastor of Ashland, 1928; stated supply, Milfor, East Hanover Presbytery, 1929- , 1933-1936; without charge, Ashland, 1937-1942; Asheville, N. C., 1943-1946; Yorktown, Texas, 1947- .

Wilson, J. A. 1910-1912

Rev. James Adams Wilson was born in York County, S. C. on July 18, 1853. He was the son of Capt. Joseph James and

Mary Hopkins Watson Wilson. He married Margaret Carrigan, Society Hill, S. C., on November 14, 1901. He attended Davidson College, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree; Columbia Theological Seminary, S. C. in 1886. He was licensed in April and ordained on June 19, 1886, Bethel Presbytery. Pastor of Aimwell and Longtown, Bethel Presbytery, 1886-1891; Seneca, S. C. and groups, 1891-1897; evangelist, Pee Dee Presbytery, 1897-1900; pastor of Dillon, S. C. and group, 1900-1909; Alamance and Bethel, Orange Presbytery, 1910-1912. He died on March 23, 1920.

Redding, R. E. 1913-1916

Rev. Robert Eugene Redding was born in Galena, Maryland on July 13, 1861, son of James Richard and Sarah Jane Bouldin Redding. Rev. Redding married Mail Laura Dick, McLeansville, N. C. on September 23, 1919. Layman worker of home missionary, Alexandria, Virginia, 1891-1898. Newport News, 1898-1907. He was licensed in the spring and ordained in the fall of 1908, Greenbrier Presbytery. Pastor of Winterburn, West Virginia, 1908-1910; Princeton, 1910; Spring Creek, Greenbrier Presbytery, 1910-1913; Bethel and Springwood, Orange Presbytery, 1913-1916; evangelist, Oakboro and Locust, Mecklingburg Presbytery, 1917; evangelist, Mullens, West Virginia, 1917-1919; Millboro and Goshen, Lexington Presbytery, 1919-1924; Appomatox Court House, Virginia and groups, 1924-1943.

Whiteley, G. L. 1918-1925

Rev. Gurney Leslie Whiteley was born in Guilford County, N. C. on November 25, 1887, son of William Thomas and Mittie Ora Andrew. He married Lece Paton Pritchett, Guilford County, N. C. on November 28, 1918, He has one son, Rev. Gurney Pritchett Whiteley. Rev. Whiteley was educated at Davidson College, 1908-1912 and received his Bachelor of Science degree; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1914-1917 and received the Bachelor of Divinity. He was licensed in June, 1917 and ordained in June 1917, Albe Presbytery. Pastor of Edenton, N. C., 1917-1918; Bethel and Springwood, Orange Presbytery, 1918-1925; Belmont Church, Roanoke, Virginia, 1925-1947; superintendent of home missions, Montgomery Presbytery.

Morrison, C. N. 1925-1927, stated supply 1927-1928

Rev. Clarence Nicholson Morrison was born in Bethany, N. C. on June 4, 1898. He is the son of George Wesley and Anna Bradley Morrison. He married Ava Merle Clapp, Whitsett, N. C. on September 29, 1927. His son is Clarence Clapp Morrison. Rev. Morrison attended Davidson College, 1917-1921 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree; Union Theological Seminary of

Virginia, Richmond 1921-1925, and received the Bachelor of Divinity. He was licensed on November 3, 1925, Concord Presbytery and ordained in December, 1925, Orange Presbytery. Pastor of Springwood and Bethel, 1925-1927; stated supply, Atmore, Atlanta and groups, 1927; stated supply, Springwood and Bethel 1927-1928; Glenwood, 1928-1934; Buffalo (L), Pocket, White Hill, and Euphronia in Sanford, 1935-1938; Mallard Creek in Derita, 1938-1945; Bethesda in McConnells, S. C. and Uriel, 1945-1953; stated supply of Smiths, 1945-1953; Drewry's Bluff, 153-1959; Ampthill, 1953-1954; Lawrenceville, 1959-1963.

Turner, William Redd 1928-1930

Rev. William Redd Turner was born in Columbus, Georgia on December 7, 1898. He is the son of John Persons and Harriett Victoria Redd Turner. Rev. Turner married Mary Anne Rudd in Brown Summit, N. C. on March 1, 1934. His children are William Redd Turner, Jr. and Susan Euphrasia. He attended the University of Georgia, 1918-1922; Elon College, 1930-1932 and received the Bachelor of Arts degree; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1924-1927; Princeton Theological Seminary, N. J. 1927-1928; Vanderbilt University, 1932-1933 and received the Bachelor of Divinity. He was licensed on October 24, 1928 and ordained on June 28, 1928, Orange Presbytery. Pastor of Bethel and Springwood, 1928-1930; Stoney Creek and groups, 1930-1932; First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, Va., 1934-1940; Florence, S. C., 1940-1944; First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, S. C., 1944-1964. He attended Presbyterian College of South Carolina in 1945.

Phipps, J. R. 1932-1934

Rev. James Robert Phipps was born in McLeansville, N. C. on March 27, 1899. He is the son of Wallace Gilmer and Mary Annie Gannon Phipps. He married Elizabeth Milliken in Tampa, Florida on September 20, 1927. His children are Mary Frances (Mrs. H. E. Moffitt, Jr.) and Joseph William Phipps. He attended Davidson College, 1920-1924; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1924-1927. He was licensed on June 21, 1927, Orange Presbytery and ordained on August 14, 1927. Pastor of Littleton, N. C. and group, 1927-1932; Bethel and group, 1932-1934; Westminster in Whiteville, 1934-1943; Thyatira, 1943-1955; Back Creek, 1943-1946; Cinquapin and Salem, 1955-1957; Concord in Statesville, 1957-1965.

Edgerton, L. T. 1934-1939

Rev. Luther Talmage Edgerton was born in Kenly, N. C. on July 30, 1895. He is the son of John Thomas and Minnie Hooks Edgerton. He married Willie Pauline Carter in Carter's Mill,

N. C. on June 28, 1918. His children are Thomas Graham, Alexander McLeod, and Catherine Carter. He attended Davidson College, 1917-1918; was in the Army of the United States and American Expeditionary Force, France; teacher; business; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1924-1927. He was licensed on June 21, 1927 and ordained in July, 1927, Orange Presbytery. Pastor of Buffalo (L), Sanford, N. C. and group, 1927-1929; Matoaka, West Virginia; 1929-1934; Bethel, Springwood, and East Burlington, 1934-1939; Crossroads and Bethlehem, Mebane, 1939-1949; Poplar Tent, Concord, N. C., 1949-1961.

Beall, Edward Leyburn 1940-1942

Rev. Beall was born in Durham, N. C. on March 11, 1907. He is the son of George Hugh and Minnie Brengle Gordon Beall. He married Mildred Lee Warfield in Sykesville, Maryland on September 6, 1936. His children are Howard Lee, Dickson Hugh, Haynie Rince, and Edward Leyburn, Jr. He attended Presbyterian College of South Carolina, 1926-1928; Duke University, 1928-1930 and received the Bachelor of Arts degree; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1930-1933 and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He was licensed in 1933, Granville Presbytery and ordained on October 23, 1933, Potom Presbytery. Rev. Beall was stated supply of Hemp, N. C., 1933; stated supply of Central Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia, 1933-1934; pastor of Springfield 1934-1939; Bouldin Memorial, Claudville, and Maybury, 1939-1940; Springwood and Bethel, 1940-1942; First Presbyterian Church and Bryan Neck, 1942-1943; Calhoun and Ringgold, 1943-1945; Meadow Creek and New Ebenezer, and Chuckey, 1945-1947; First Presbyterian, Plattsburg, Mo., 1947-1949; Fairland Heights (now Calvary), 1949-1951; Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (now United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America), 1956-1966; received Nov. 28, 1966; First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, Mo., 1966- .

Foster, John Williamson 1943-1950

Rev. Foster was born in Cleveland, Rowan C., N. C. on August 28, 1886. He was the son of Felix Allen and Fannie Matilda Phifer Foster. He married Anabel Eagle in Statesville, N. C. on June 30, 1914. He attended Davidson College, 1908-1909; student of State Normal, Cheney, Washington; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, 1927-1930, graduated, English course. He was licensed on June 19, 1930 and ordained on July 6, 1930. Pastor of Coolemee, N. C., 1930-1941; Flat Rock, 1941-1943; Bethel and Springwood, Orange Presbytery, 1943-1950; Calvary, October 1950-1957; stated clerk of Winston-Salem Presbytery, 1941-1943. Rev. Foster died on February 15, 1964.

McFadyen, H. R. 1950-1953 supply pastor

Rev. Henry Richard McFadyen was born near Elizabethtown, N. C. on February 1, 1887. He was the son of Rev. Archibald and Miriam Eliza Cromartie. He married Myrtle Louise Angle in El Paso, Texas on September 4, 1907. His children are Jean, Henry Christian, and Miriam. He attended the University of North Carolina, 1897-1903 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1903-1906 and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He was licensed on April 12, 1906 and ordained on September 14, 1906, El Paso Presbytery. Pastor of Westminister 1906-1909; Clarendon, 1909-1913; Clinton, Oklahoma, 1913-1918; stated supply of McFadyen Church, Alanreed, Texas, 1915-1918; Cameron, Texas, 1918-1925; evangelist, Nashville Presbytery, 1925-1931; Pinetops, N. C., 1931-1947; stated supply of Macclesfield, 1931-1934, 1940-1947; stated supply of William and Mary Hart Chapel 1933-1947; pastor of William and Mary Hart Chapel, 1934-1939. Occational stated supply, 1947-June 22, 1964; moderator, Synod of N. C., 1944; treas., Presbyterian Home for Aged; Greensboro, N. C., 1947-1949; stated supply of Bethel, 1950-1953. Dr. McFadyen died June 22, 1964. In 1925 Rev. McFadyen wrote the words to the song, "The Lone, Wild Fowl in Lofty Flight."

Moss, David C. 1953-1958

Rev. David Clinton Moss was born in Mount Vernon, N. Y. on May 3, 1916. His parents are Harold Henry and Grace Winifred. He married Ruth Sharp in Long Beach, New Jersey on June 26, 1938. His children are David Daniel, and Robert Clinton. He attended Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Eastern Baptist College, 1943-1946 and received the Bachelor of Arts degree; Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1947-1949 and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He was ordained on November 1, 1947, Church of Brethren; received, September 17, 1953, Orange Presbytery. Pastor of Bethel, 1953-1958, First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, 1958-1960; Miami Shores, Florida, 1960-1963; Alta Vista, 1963-1965; Moorings, 1965- .

Woodall, Henry Earl 1958-1962

Rev. Woodall was born in Benson, N. C. on September 8, 1929. He is the son of Hunter Jackson and Ola Florence Morgan Woodall. He married June Anderson in Benson, N. C. on September 6, 1953. His children are Hunter Earl and Henry Hall. He attended Davidson College, 1948-1952 and received the Bachelor of Arts degree; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1952-1955 and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He was licensed on July 12, 1955 and ordained

September 18, 1955. Pastor of Arvon, Fork Union and Trinity, 1955-1958; Bethel 1958-1962; Mount Carmel, Steeles Tavern, Virginia, 1963-1971; Powell, Powell, Tenn. 1971- .

Fitzpatrick, Charles Green 1963-1969

Rev. Fitzpatrick was born in Richmond, Virginia on October 15, 1927. His parents are Rev. Hugh Jr. and Ruby Amorette Gilliam Fitzpatrick. He married Frances Louise Bell in Richmond, Virginia on May 26, 1955. His children are Charles Green Fitzpatrick, Jr. and Hugh Randolph. He attended Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, 1944-1945, 1949-1950; Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Richmond, 1952-1955 and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree; Richmond Professional Institute, 1952-1953 and received the Bachelor of Science degree. He was licensed June 14, 1955 and ordained July 17, 1955, Abe Presbytery. Pastor of Westminster and Berea, 1955-1958; Dogwood Acres 1958-1963; Bethel 1963-1969; Butner, 1969- .

Kaufman, John E. 1971-

Rev. John Kaufman was born on June 27, 1943 in Rockford, Ill. to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kaufman. He married Rita Marie Fanlund on August 27, 1967. He has one child which is Elizabeth Marie. He attended Bradley University from 1961-1965 and received the A. B. degree; Washington University, 1965-1966; Union Theological Seminary, 1966-1971 and received the Bachelor of Divinity and Th. M. degrees. Rev. Kaufman was licensed in Freeport, Illinois, Freeport Presbytery U. P. U. S. A. in 1970 and ordained on June 13, 1971, Freeport Presbytery U. P. U. S. A. He is pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Orange Presbytery, 1971- .

DEACONS OF BETHEL

John Wharton	ordained	July 23, 1843
Calvin Rankin	ordained	July 23, 1843
Robert C. Rankin	ordained	May 27, 1843
Rufus W. Smith	ordained	May 27, 1866
W. P. Wharton	ordained	June 4, 1872
E. W. Stratford	ordained	June 4, 1872
William C. Rankin	ordained	Dec. 8, 1878
Israel N. Clapp	ordained	Dec. 8, 1878
W. L. Lindsey	ordained	June 29, 1884
W. H. McLean	ordained	June 29, 1884
John H. Rankin	ordained	June 29, 1884
Millard J. Rankin	ordained	June 29, 1884
J. M. Dick	ordained	Dec. 24, 1893
D. A. Montgomery	ordained	Dec. 24, 1893
J. C. Browning	ordained	June 12, 1898
W. R. Denny	ordained	June 12, 1898
C. A. Wharton	ordained	April 8, 1906
J. C. McLean	ordained	April 8, 1906
W. L. Wharton	ordained	April 8, 1906
John Anderson	ordained	July 27, 1913
S. A. Denny	ordained	July 27, 1913
W. H. Paisley	ordained	July 27, 1913
E. E. Boon	ordained	July 27, 1913
Carmie Holt	ordained	1919
Ernest Whittington	ordained	May 2, 1920
Lawson Dick	ordained	-1919
J. .L Clapp	ordained	Jan. 22, 1922
J. R. Painter	ordained	Jan. 22, 1922
Ollie Payne	ordained	Jan. 22, 1922
Henry Health	ordained	Sept. 7, 1930
Virgil Holt	ordained	Sept. 7, 1930
J. E. McLean	ordained	Feb. 27, 1938
Morris McIntyre	ordained	Feb. 27, 1938
Henry Tickle	ordained	Feb. 27, 1938
James Vance Huffines	ordained	Feb. 27, 1938
Roger Gerringer	ordained	March 24, 1946
H. L. Walker	ordained	March 24, 1946
Clifton Pearson	ordained	March 24, 1946
Porter Paisley	ordained	March 24, 1946
Coy Greeson	ordained	March 24, 1946
Robert Alcon	ordained	June 6, 1954
Rifton Reese	ordained	June 6, 1954
E. P. Huffines	ordained	June 6, 1954
Oscar Lowe	ordained	June 6, 1954
Merritt Wilson	ordained	June 6, 1954
Jim Ragan	ordained	Dec. 15, 1957
Jesse H. Lowe, Jr.	ordained	Dec. 15, 1957
Anderson Lowe	ordained	Dec. 15, 1957
Ed Godfrey	ordained	Dec. 27, 1959
John Benjamin Miles	ordained	Dec. 27, 1959
Raymond Montgomery	ordained	Jan. 1, 1961
Lewis Clapp	ordained	Jan. 14, 1962
Raymond Ragan	ordained	Jan. 12, 1963
Jack Shoffner	ordained	Jan. 12, 1963
William H. Ashworth	ordained	Jan. 12, 1963
J. C. Tuttle	ordained	Jan. 3, 1965
William Fred Nix	ordained	Jan. 3, 1965
John Paisley	ordained	Dec. 26, 1965
Glenn Reese	ordained	Dec. 26, 1965

John R. Miles	ordained	Jan. 12, 1965
Monroe Tickle	ordained	Dec. 25, 1966
John Terry	ordained	Dec. 25, 1966
A. G. Reese, Jr.	ordained	Dec. 25, 1966
Bill Matherly	ordained	Jan. 7, 1968
John Younger	ordained	Jan. 7, 1968
C. T. Stephenson	ordained	Dec. 29, 1968
Donald Gerringer	ordained	Dec. 29, 1968
Edwin Apple	ordained	Dec. 28, 1969
Vernon Allen	ordained	Jan. 10, 1971
James Richard Alcon (Youngest elected deacon)	ordained	Jan. 10, 1971
Ruth Boone (First woman deacon)	ordained	Jan. 9, 1972
Lonnie Walker	ordained	Jan. 9, 1972
S. G. Gannon	ordained	Jan. 9, 1972

RULING ELDERS OF BETHEL

James Gibson	ordained	1815
John Smith	ordained	1815-1822
Elisha Wharton	ordained	1815-1863
Alexander Gray	ordained	1816-1855
Moses Gibson	ordained	1816-1841
Robert Law	ordained	1818-1851
Joseph Gibson	ordained	1822-1857
Preston Paisley	ordained	1822-1836
James Carson Donnell	ordained	1833
Elisha Denny	ordained	1841-1880
Newton Wharton	ordained	1841-1845
John W. McMurray	ordained	1841-1852
Thomas Rankin	ordained	1848-1899
Andrew Wilson	ordained	1848-1866
Dr. S. D. Schoolfield	ordained	1848-1849
Dr. J. A. McLean	ordained	1853-1896
George W. Wharton	ordained	1859-1900
J. F. Hughes	ordained	1859-1866
A. C. Lindsey	ordained	1861-1862
Thomas A. Gray	ordained	1866-1868
Robert Wilson	ordained	1866-1896
Robert C. Rankin	ordained	1876-1921
A. Calvin Denny	ordained	1881-1913
John W. Paisley	ordained	1893-1939
A. Frank Forbis	ordained	1893-1906
John Wesley Summers	ordained	1898-1905
J. D. Clapp	ordained	1898-1944
W. H. McLean	ordained	1906-
D. A. Montgomery	ordained	1906-
W. L. Wharton	ordained	1913-1939
R. Montford Huffines	ordained	1913-May 26, 1968
Ernest C. Smith	ordained	1930-1966
W. H. Paisley	ordained	1930-
W. R. Denny	ordained	1930-1937
Marvin Pearson	ordained	1938-1966
Paul G. Boone	ordained	1938-
John Daniel Summers (Youngest elected elder)	ordained	1946-1951
D. W. Lowe	ordained	March 24, 1946
G. Howard Holt	ordained	March 24, 1946

Otis Lowe	ordained	Nov. 11, 1956
Morris McIntyre	ordained	Nov. 11, 1956
John E. McLean	ordained	Sept. 22, 1963
Jesse H. Lowe, Jr.	ordained	Sept. 22, 1963
John Benjamin Miles	ordained	Sept. 22, 1963
Rifton (Buck) Reese	ordained	Dec. 26, 1965
Henry M. Tickle	ordained	Dec. 26, 1965
Richard Alcon	ordained	Dec. 26, 1965
John Miles	ordained	Dec. 25, 1966
Ray S. Ragan	ordained	Dec. 25, 1966
Ed Godfrey	ordained	Jan. 7, 1968
Kyle Torreyson	ordained	Dec. 29, 1968
Roger Gerringer	ordained	Jan. 10, 1971
Elsie Paisley	ordained	Jan. 9, 1972
(First woman elected elder)		

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